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From the Administrator's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

As the school year continues on it is extremely hard to believe the month of November is here. I was told many years ago the older you get the faster the years go by. I always questioned that thought, but in the past few years I have really learned to agree with the concept.

As we approach the end of the fall sports season with volleyball sub-districts and football playoffs approaching please make sure if your child did not participate in those sports and is planning on participating in basketball or wrestling that they have their physicals taken before the start of practice on Monday, November 18.

With the winter sports season around the corner if you are interested in purchasing a winter sports pass please contact Amy Gurnsey at school; a family winter pass is \$75 and individual is \$25.

One Act is now prepping for competition of their performance of *The Tallulah Incisor Affair*. Mrs. Cerv (director), Ms. Paprocki (assistant) and 32 students have been putting in many hours of preparation for the play. They are planning on doing a public performance after Thanksgiving and once the date is finalized we will notify the public.

The Clarkson Public Schools and Leigh Community school boards have approved the sports coop with Leigh Community Schools for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years. The coop has been very successful and we look for continued success in the future. We will also continue to work with Schuyler Public Schools on our continued coops with softball and wrestling for the upcoming years. These coops really have helped a lot of students be involved with activities and these activities do a lot to help teach students the concepts of hard work, dedication, teamwork and commitment. Clarkson Public Schools will continue making sure we are giving opportunities to our students to participate in a wide spectrum of activities.

As we continue to turn the page on the calendar, I would also like to remind the parents about the start of flu season. Every flu season is unique in how and when we get hit at school. **It is important as parents to please remember if your child has been sick with the flu that you wait 24 hours after they have been fever free before you allow them to return to school.** This policy helps to limit the spread of flu as much as we possibly can at school.

One Act News

By Ann Cerv

The One Act play "The Tallulah Incisor Affair" is off and running. It is a play about a scatter brain Tooth Fairy that spirals out of control when she loses the tooth she has come to retrieve. It is a wonderful, fun play for all ages.

We are close to finishing our set and lines are very close to being memorized...just in time to change them! We are 9 minutes over time so trimming and changing lines is always inevitable. The kids are always so good at keeping their cool with this process.

We ran a concession stand this month that will help with the costume cost and set expenses. But we could use some items that you may be able to help us with. The set is a small child's bedroom, so we need non-gender kid items:

Child's table and chairs, Stuffed animals, Any old tutus

We will have our Conference competition on November 26 in Wisner. Look for our public performance near the end of November, no time has been set yet.

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Counselor's Corner

By Jennifer Kappel

EducationQuest Financial Aid Workshop

Clarkson will be hosting a financial aid workshop on Wednesday, November 20th at 6pm in the distance learning room. We will have a representative from EducationQuest on site sharing her presentation with Leigh and Howells Dodge via distance learning. This presentation is very helpful to address questions parents and students may have about completing the FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Additional options for funding college will be discussed and personal questions can be addressed prior to and concluding the presentation.

Get the Inside Scoop on Scholarship Applications

“Get the Inside Scoop on Scholarship Applications” workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20th, beginning at 7:30pm at the Nielsen Center in the Ball Room at 200 Anna Stalp Avenue in West Point. Every junior and senior in high school, plus their parents are encouraged to attend. Students presently enrolled in college and non-traditional students will benefit as well. Topics to be covered will be: how to find a scholarship, how to put together quality applications, how to answer questions wisely, how to write quality letters for applications, tips on completing applications, tips on following through with applications and setting up files for scholarship organization.

During the workshop Mary Janata, Cheryl Kreikemeier, and Debra Schroeder will present a thorough step-by-step process of completing the scholarship process. Students are asked to sign-up with their guidance counselor or contacting the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Cuming County at 402-372-6006 if they plan to attend.

Juniors...start researching colleges

If you narrow your college choices by the end of your junior year, your senior year will be less stressful. Here's how to get started:

Review [College Profiles](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#) for information about colleges in Nebraska and across the country. If you're interested in an out-of-state school, check out the [Midwest Student Exchange Program](#) to learn about options for discounts on tuition.

Meet with college representatives who visit your school, and then visit the websites of the colleges that interest you to learn more about the schools. You can also attend a college fair to visit with recruiters.

Once you've narrowed your choices, **schedule campus visits**. Try to visit in the spring of your junior year while colleges are still in session. It becomes very difficult your senior year to schedule these visits and schedule for job shadows if interested.

JUNIORS and SENIORS

_____ Seniors, [register](#) by November 8 for the December 14 ACT.

_____ Attend a [Financial Aid Program](#) in your area.

Two that are coming up both hit November 20th

- a. Educationquest is presenting in the distance learning room on Wed. Nov 20th at 6pm. At this event you can register to be entered in a drawing for a \$500 scholarship.

- b. “Get the Inside Scoop on Scholarship Applications” in West Point on Wed. Nov 20th at 7:30pm at Nielsen Center in the Ballroom

_____ Apply for scholarships. Visit free sites such as [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).

_____ Talk with Mrs. Kappel about setting up job shadowing opportunities and college visits.

John Baylor ACT Test Prep

Students and parents – you know that taking the ACT is an important step in the admissions process at four year Colleges and Universities. Did you know that Clarkson High School has available to students the John Baylor ACT test prep program? High school students can schedule times to come in and watch the 45 minute videos, 12 in total with Mrs. Kappel – during a study hall, lunch, before school, or after school. You can pick and choose topics that you want to improve upon. It is ideal to watch the sessions 4 to 5 weeks before the ACT test, to keep the information fresh. Juniors will have the opportunity to watch the videos second semester prior to the ACT test date that the majority of the class decides to test.

Calling all Box Top/Campbell's Soup Label Collectors!!!

We still need you to be on the hunt for as many box tops and soup labels as you can find! For participating products, please check out the following websites:

Box Tops: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Soup Labels: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/>

Physical Education

By Jim Clarkson

It was a great first quarter here at Clarkson Public Schools. We got some good work in and will continue to enjoy physical activity. Most of our school right now are playing my favorite playground game of 4-square. It is a great game that develops hand-eye coordination, lateral movement, and strategic quick thinking. It is a lot of fun to watch the different techniques and strategies at all levels.

In the Freshmen class we just finished up a great volleyball series. We have only two girls that are on the volleyball team in the class so they were quite flustered with the play of the “amateurs” in the class but they did improve and try to play the game the proper way.

The last note that I have this month is that the Lifetime Activities class is doing Yoga twice a week. They are having a real hard time with it and it is not what they expected. Yoga is something that we all have some preconceived notions about, but in reality it is great exercise that can really improve strength and flexibility. We have been doing some videos but we hope to bring in an actual instructor at some point.

Like always try and get better every day and try and be a number 1 seed in the tournament of life. Go Pats!

4th Grade Science News

By Lee Schneider

The 4th grade science is just finishing up on an interesting chapter dealing with our Earth's surface and the different layers! We have been drawing and creating the different layers of the Earth as well as discovering the origin of EARTHQUAKES! We discovered that the largest quake registered was a 9.3 in Chile! From there we discussed how an earthquake works.

The students have been very engaging and energetic for this chapter and are excited to move on to the next! Next up we will be talking about the Moon and Planets, just in time for Halloween!!

Music News

By Deb Faltys

The following students were selected to the East Cornhusker Conference Honor Choir: Hannah Baumert, Bridget Dinslage, Lucas Gurnsey, Abbey Hamernik, Christopher Konicek, Jonathan Langdon, Rachel Moulin, Sydney Novak, Katharina Ost, Kaleb Papousek, Erika Rupprecht, Trine Svendsen, Shane Svoboda, and Jadine Wiese. The concert will be at the Humphrey Public School gym on November 11th at 7:00 p.m. Admission will be charged for the evening concert. Congratulations to these students and we hope that you will attend the concert and hear these fine students combine their talents with the other honor choir students from the conference schools.

The choir students have been perfecting "The Star Spangled Banner" to be sung at home games, working on the selections for Conference Clinic and Veteran's Day, and putting together the pieces for the Winter Festival which is early in December this year on the 3rd. Students are also preparing auditions for various other honor choirs in the area.

The band students are working on tunes for pep band performances and selections for both the Veteran's Day and Winter Festival. We are working on scales and etudes for the Conference Honor Band and also the Class D Honor Band. Those auditions are due the first week in December. With all the activities our students are involved in we will really have to focus to get it all done. I am always available for morning and afternoon lessons for those students who would like extra help.

Elementary students are preparing their selection for the Veteran's Day program to be held at the school on the morning of November 11th at 8:15. Students have learned the American Sign Language for

"God Bless America" to be performed as they sing. We are having fun with Halloween songs and books, working with rhyming words to create verses and "pumping up the pumpkin."

All music students will perform for the Veteran's Day Program on the 11th of November at 8:15 a.m.